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In re Patent Application of:
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For: POLYMER-COATED, GRANULATED
ENZYME-CONTAINING FEED ADDITIVES
AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION
THEREOF

Examiner: S. M. Hanley

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The documents listed on the attached SB/08 are documents cited in co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/500,144, and co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/500,967. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c), Applicants hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed.

Please note that Cite No. BG was already submitted in a previous Information Disclosure Statement and therefore is not attached herewith; however, it appears that the English translations may not have been previously submitted. Accordingly, the English translation indicated on the attached SB/08 is enclosed for consideration.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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